GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:168
ANSWERED ON:11.03.2008
TELECASTING CODE FOR TELEVISION
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to draft a code of conduct for telecasting various T.V. serials and other programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has set up a Committee in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the said Committee and the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check the telecasting of 'A' certificate films/serials and vulgar advertisements on Television by various channels?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO._168_ FOR ANSWER ON 11.03.2008.

(a) to (e):The Government had constituted a Committee for reviewing Programme and Advertising Codes prescribed under the Cable TV Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder and the guidelines for certification of films prescribed under Cinematograph Act, 1952. The report of the Committee on the Content Code has been submitted to the Government on 5.3.2008 and is available on the website of this Ministry www.mib.nic.in The Government have also constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) under Section 20 of the Cable TV Networks Regulation) Act, 1995 to look into the violation of Programme and Advertising Codes prescribed under the Act and Rules framed thereunder. The Committee either suo- motu or on receipt of complaints, examines cases o f violation of codes. Show cause Notices are issued in the first instance to TV channels for telecasting objectionable programmes/advertisements in violation of Codes. Further action is taken as per rules. Orders have also been issued for constitution of Monitoring Committees at the State and District levels to monitor private satellite TV Channels and local cable channels to detect and look into violations of Programme and Advertising Codes and complaints received from general public regarding violation of the codes. A copy of the relevant order is available on the website of this Ministry www.mib.nic.in